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To amend the Clean Air Act to delay the effect of reclassifying certain nonattainment areas adjacent to an international border, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FILNER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “FAIR (Foreign Air
5 Impact Regulation) AIR Act of 2009”.

1 **SEC. 2. RECLASSIFICATION OF NONATTAINMENT AREA AD-**
2 **JACENT TO A FOREIGN COUNTRY.**

3 (a) AMENDMENT.—Section 179B of the Clean Air
4 Act (42 U.S.C. 7509a) is amended by adding at the end
5 the following:

6 “(e) DELAY OF EFFECTIVE DATE OF RECLASSIFICA-
7 TION.—

8 “(1) APPLICATION.—This subsection applies to
9 a nonattainment area if—

10 “(A) the area is adjacent to a foreign
11 country; and

12 “(B) the State in which the area is located,
13 in consultation with the regional air quality au-
14 thority involved, submits to the Administrator a
15 claim that the area would have attained the na-
16 tional ambient air quality standard for the air
17 pollutant involved by the applicable attainment
18 date, but for emissions emanating from outside
19 of the United States.

20 “(2) DELAY OF EFFECTIVE DATE.—The reclas-
21 sification of an area described in paragraph (1) to
22 a higher classification of nonattainment shall not
23 take effect unless the Administrator finds that each
24 of the following is satisfied:

25 “(A) The Secretary of State shall—

1 “(i) enter into negotiations with the
2 appropriate officials of the foreign country
3 involved, in consultation with local leaders
4 in the nonattainment area, air quality
5 monitoring organizations, and other appro-
6 priate public and private entities, to de-
7 velop a plan for improving the air quality
8 of the international area encompassing the
9 nonattainment area; and

10 “(ii) submit the plan developed under
11 clause (i) to the Congress.

12 “(B) The Administrator, taking into con-
13 sideration the plan developed under clause (i) of
14 subparagraph (B), shall take such actions as
15 may be appropriate, including the provision of
16 assistance to local and international air quality
17 groups, to improve the air quality of the non-
18 attainment area.”.

19 (b) APPLICABILITY.—The amendment made by this
20 Act applies to the reclassification of a nonattainment area
21 without respect to whether such reclassification occurs be-
22 fore the date of the enactment of this Act.

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